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NOTE TO THE EUR/SOV PANEL (Internal Office Distribution Only)

SUBJECT: Staff Activities

1. This note discusses the various topics which the EUR/SOV Staff may address in memoranda and estimates during the coming two quarters and lists those which have been so addressed since the first of the year. We hope this resume will prove useful to members of the EUR/SOV Panel when they meet with members of the staff on 16 July to contemplate future EUR/SOV activities.

Possible Memoranda

2. We are now considering a variety of memoranda -- some large, some small, some staff-initiated, others suggested by members of the BNE. The following list is of course tentative, intended simply to indicate the nature of our current interests:

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Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

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a. Soviet Problems and Policies in Southeastern Europe -- This paper has been listed elsewhere, but it is a bit early to tell whether this is necessarily a fruitful subject. Nevertheless, we plan a try, this month or next.

b. Soviet Perception of the US -- A difficult, probably delicate topic, proposed by members of the BNE. We hope to get to it in August and will try to have a draft in September.

c. Intellectual Protest in the USSR -- As previously indicated, we conceive of this as an exploration, in essay form, of possible long term implications. If the effort is successful -- i.e., if something new can be said on the subject -- we would hope to have a paper in the fall sometime.

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Estimates

4. The staff has no NIEs formally scheduled for the next two quarters. But we may be asked for another SNIE on SALT, which would presumably fall due sometime in the late summer or early autumn (i.e., sometime between the recess of the Vienna round and the resumption of talks in Helsinki). In addition, a number of estimates have been proposed by representatives of other agencies and seem to have stimulated some interest here. We are pondering the following for the fourth quarter of this year or the first of next:

a. A Sino-Soviet paper, an update (perhaps a Memorandum to Holders) of NIE 11/13-69, "The USSR and China," (12 Aug 69); whether such a paper is attempted would presumably depend mainly on the actual course of Sino-Soviet relations over the next several months.

b. A Europe-US-USSR estimate, along the lines of NIE 20-1-69, "Europe, the US, and the USSR," (4 Dec 69);

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State foresees concentration on such matters as Ostpolitik, the increase in East-West ties in Europe, prospects for UK membership in EEC, etc.

c. A general Soviet paper, along the lines of NIE 11-69, "Basic Factors and Main Tendencies in Current Soviet Policy," (27 Feb 69).



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Previous Production in 1970

5. How we think about forthcoming production is of course heavily influenced by what we have produced in the recent past. Following is a list of EUR/SOV papers (NIEs, various kinds of memoranda, and Staff notes), arranged by area, published during the first two quarters of this year.

a. The USSR

(1) SNIE 11-16, "Soviet Attitudes toward SALT,"
19 Feb

(2) NIE 11-6, "Soviet Policies in the Middle
East and Mediterranean Area," 5 Mar

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(3) SNIE 30-70, "The USSR and the Egyptian-Israeli Confrontation," 14 May (Joint with NE Staff)

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(4) "Pravda on SALT," 12 Mar, Memo to the DCI

(5) "Soviet Reactions . . . to Certain US Courses of Action," 2 Apr, Memo to the DCI

(6) "Seminar on Soviet Leadership Maneuverings," 20 Apr, Staff Note

(7) "Soviet Politics and Policy: The Next Phase," 21 Apr, ONE Memo

b. Eastern Europe

(1) "The Hungarian Experiment: Kadar's Not so Middle Way," 5 Jan, ONE Memo

(2) "Eastern Europe: The New Breed," 23 Apr, ONE Memorandum

(3) "Romania: Maverick in Trouble?" 20 May, ONE Memorandum

c. Western Europe

(1) "Brandt's Ostpolitik," 4 Feb, ONE Memorandum

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(2) "Rising Importance of Opus Dei in Spain,"

4 Feb, Staff Memo

(3) "Bonn's Negotiations with the East: Who's

on First?", 18 Mar, Staff Memo



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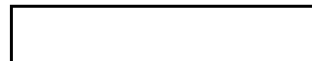
(5) "Italy: The Question of the Regions,"

3 Apr, Staff Memo

(6) "The Ostpolitik Tangle," 9 Jun, Staff Note

(and Memo to the Consultants)

(7) "A Preliminary Look at Security Conditions
in Copenhagen . . . in September," 24 Jun, Memo to
the DCI.



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